

(1) Our Nation's children have become the ever increasing targets of marketing activity.

(2) Such marketing activity, which includes Internet sales pitches, commercials broadcast via in-classroom television programming, product placements, contests, and giveaways, is taking place every day during class time in our Nation's public schools.

(3) Many State and local entities enter into arrangements allowing marketing activity in schools in an effort to make up budgetary shortfalls or to gain access to expensive technology or equipment.

(4) These marketing efforts take advantage of the time and captive audiences provided by taxpayer-funded schools.

(5) These marketing efforts involve activities that compromise the privacy of our Nation's children.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the levels in this resolution assume that—

(1) in-school marketing and information-gathering activities—

(A) are a waste of student class time and taxpayer money;

(B) exploit captive student audiences for commercial gain; and

(C) compromise the privacy rights of our Nation's school children and are a violation of the public trust Americans place in the public education system;

(2) State and local educators should remove commercial distractions from our Nation's public schools and should protect the privacy of school-aged children in our Nation's classrooms;

(3) Federal funds should not be used in any way to support the commercialization of our Nation's classrooms or the exploitation of student privacy, nor to purchase advertisements from entities that market to school children or violate student privacy during the school day; and

(4) Federal funds should be made available to State and local entities in order to provide the entities with the financial flexibility to avoid the necessity of having to enter into relationships with third parties that involve violations of student privacy or the introduction of commercialization into our Nation's classrooms.

HARKIN AMENDMENTS NOS. 3069–3072

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. HARKIN submitted four amendments intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 101, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 3069

At the appropriate place, insert:

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(1) Tax relief provided as a result of this resolution should be targeted and distributed equitably to modest and middle income Americans;

(2) Those with young children and those who are taking care of other relatives requiring special care have significant needs that are difficult for many modest and middle income taxpayers;

(3) The Congress should reduce the higher taxes paid by those who are married with two incomes who are penalized under the existing tax code, a burden not significantly felt by those with the highest incomes paying the highest rate of tax since that rate does not differentiate between married and single taxpayers;

(4) While a significant portion of income taxes is paid by those with the highest one percent of income, their share of payroll and excise taxes which make up almost half of all federal revenue is far lower;

(5) The amount of tax relief provided to those with the highest income levels reduces tax relief available to the great majority of taxpayers; and

(6) It has been estimated that the those in the top one percent of income have incomes in excess of no less than \$319,000 per year and have an average income of \$915,000.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is sense of the Senate that the budget levels in this resolution assume that not more than one percent of the tax reduction provided for under this resolution shall go, in the aggregate, to the one percent of taxpayers with the highest one percent of income.

AMENDMENT No. 3070

At the appropriate place, insert:

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(1) Tax relief provided as a result of this resolution should be targeted and distributed fairly to modest and middle income Americans;

(2) Those with young children and those who are taking care of other relatives requiring special care have significant needs that are difficult for many modest and middle income taxpayers;

(3) The Congress should reduce the higher taxes paid by those who are married with two incomes who are penalized under the existing tax code, a burden not significantly felt by those with the highest incomes paying the highest rate of tax since that rate does not differentiate between married and single taxpayers;

(4) While a significant portion of income taxes is paid by those with the highest one percent of income, their share of payroll and excise taxes which make up almost half of all federal revenue is far lower;

(5) The amount of tax relief provided to those with the highest income levels reduces tax relief available to the great majority of taxpayers; and

(6) It has been estimated that the those in the top one percent of income have incomes in excess of no less than \$319,000 per year and have an average income of \$915,000.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is sense of the Senate that the budget levels in this resolution assume that not more than one percent of the tax reduction provided for under this resolution shall go, in the aggregate, to the one percent of taxpayers with the highest one percent of income.

AMENDMENT No. 3071

On page 35, line 4, after the period insert "Legislation complies with this section if it specifies that no individual directly or indirectly may receive more than \$250,000 in any fiscal year in total contract or other payments described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of section 1001 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308) and any similar or additional market loss or income support payments."

AMENDMENT No. 3092

On page 35, line 4, after the period insert "It is the sense of the Senate that any legislation enacted under this section should specify that no individual directly or indirectly may receive more than \$250,000 in any fiscal year in total contract or other payments described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of section 1001 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308) and any similar or addi-

tional market loss or income support payments."

HARKIN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3073

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 101, supra; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:

SEC. ____ SENSE OF SENATE REGARDING CASH BALANCE PENSION PLAN CONVERSIONS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:

(1) Defined benefit pension plans are guaranteed by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation and provide a lifetime benefit for a beneficiary and spouse.

(2) Defined benefit pension plans provide meaningful retirement benefits to rank and file workers, since such plans are generally funded by employer contributions.

(3) Employers should be encouraged to establish and maintain defined benefit pension plans.

(4) An increasing number of major employers have been converting their traditional defined benefit plans to "cash balance" or other hybrid defined benefit plans.

(5) Under current law, employers are not required to provide plan participants with meaningful disclosure of the impact of converting a traditional defined benefit plan to a "cash balance" or other hybrid formula.

(6) For a number of years after a conversion, the cash balance or other hybrid benefit formula may result in a period of "wear away" during which older and longer service participants earn no additional benefits.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the levels in this resolution assume that pension plan participants whose plans are changed to cause older or longer service workers to earn less retirement income, including conversions to "cash balance plans," should receive additional protection than what is currently provided, and Congress should act this year to address this important issue. In particular, at a minimum—

(1) all pension plan participants should receive adequate, accurate, and timely notice of any change to a plan that will cause participants to earn less retirement income in the future;

(2) pension plans that are changed to a cash balance or other hybrid formula should not be permitted to "wear away" participants' benefits in such a manner that older and longer service participants earn no additional pension benefits for a period of time after the change; and

(3) Federal law should continue to prohibit pension plan participants from being discriminated against on the basis of age in the provision of pension benefits.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Children and Families, will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2000,

9:30 A.M., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is "Early Childhood Programs for Low Income Families: Availability and Impact". For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 12, 2000, in Room SR-301 Russell Senate Office Building, to receive testimony on compelled political speech.

For further information concerning this meeting, please contact Hunter Bates at the Rules Committee on 4-6352.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that an Executive Session of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2000, 11:00 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The following is the committee's agenda.

AGENDA

S. 2311, The Ryan White CARE Act.
S. , Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act Amendments of 2000.
Presidential Nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2000, 10:00 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is Protecting Pension Assets. For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, April 13, 2000, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to conduct oversight on the United States Forest Service's proposed revisions to the regulations governing National Forest Planning. This hearing will be in lieu of the previously scheduled hearing for S. 2034, a bill to establish the Canyons of the Ancients National Conservation Area.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. For further information, please call Mark Rey or Bill Eby at (202) 224-6170.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 6, 2000. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss interstate shipment of State inspected meat.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 6, 2000 at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on procedures and standards for the granting of security clearances at the Department of Defense.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 6, 2000, for hearings on China's Accession to the World Trade Organization.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 12, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the Report of the National Academy of Public Administration titled "A Study of Management and Administration: The Bureau of Indian Affairs." The hearing will be held in the Committee room, 485 Russell Senate Building. A business meeting to mark up pending legislation will precede the hearing. Those wishing additional information may contact the Committee at 202/224-2251.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, if it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 6, 2000 at 2:15 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Aviation Subcommittee of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 6, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. for a closed briefing on aviation security and at 10 a.m. hearing on aviation security.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERSIGHT

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 6, 2000 at 2:30 p.m., in SD226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY, EXPORT AND TRADE PROMOTION AND SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion and Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 6, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. to hold a joint hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Lands of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 6, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct an oversight hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on the proposed five-year strategic plan of the U.S. Forest Service in compliance with the Government Results and Performance Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator McCain, I ask unanimous consent that his legislative fellow, Navy Commander Douglas Denny, be granted floor privileges during consideration of S. Con. Res. 101.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Dr. Lisa Spurlock, congressional fellow with the Senate Finance Committee, be granted floor privileges throughout the duration of the debate on S. Con. Res. 101.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask consent that Gary Tomasulo, a Coast Guard fellow in Senator MIKE DEWINE's office, be granted privilege of the floor during consideration of this resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mike Daly, a fellow in the office of Senator ABRAHAM, be granted floor privileges for the period of consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 101.